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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/023,259
Filing Date	February 13, 1998
First Named Inventor	Wallace A. Ritchie
Group Art Unit	2747
Examiner Name	Thomas, J.
Attorney Docket Number	101102-0002

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 710.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Brian C. Dauphin	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	40983
Signature		Date	1/12/01

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Patent fees are subject to annual revision on October 1.

These are the fees effective October 1, 1998.

Small Entity payments must be supported by a small entity statement, otherwise large entity fees must be paid. See Forms PTO/SB/09-12.

See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

(\$) 1,950

## Complete If Known

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### METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 ☐ Charge the Issue Fee Set in 37 C.F.R. §§1.18 at the Mailing of the Notice of Allowance

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

- ☒ Check ☐ Money ☐ Other Order

### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		101	710	201	35	Utility filing fee	
		106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
		107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
		108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
		114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)							0

#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
20**	3**		0	0	0

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

#### Large Entity Small Entity

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
		102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3	
		104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
		109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
		110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)							0

### FEE CALCULATION (continued)

#### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		105	130	205	65	Fee Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		139	130	139	130	Non-English Specification	
		147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
		112	920	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
		113	1,840	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
		116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
		117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
		118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
		128	1,890	128	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
		119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
		120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
		138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	1,240
		142	1,240	242	620	Utility Issue fee (or reissue)	
		143	440	243	220	Design Issue fee	
		144	600	244	300	Plant Issue fee	
		122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
		123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
		126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
		581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
		146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
		149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
Other (specify) Request for Continued Examination							710
Other fee (specify)							
SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)							1,950

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### SUBMITTED BY

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